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FOR RICHARD AHERNE FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP: (PORTER, WILLIAM J.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 201142

1. I AM VERY HONORED BY THE SECRETARY'S INVITATION, AND I
THANK HIM VERY MUCH. HOWEVER, I HAVE CERTAIN URGENT
MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH SAUDI GOVERNMENT WHO DESIRE
TO CONCLUDE THEM BEFORE RAMADAN WHICH BEGINS AUGUST 26.
ALSO, MY DCM IS ON HOME LEAVE WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT
FOR ME TO BE AWAY. THEREFORE, UNLESS
SECRETARY FEELS IT SEPECIALLY URGENT, I MUST REGRETFULLY
ASK TO BE EXCUSED.

2. I LIKE MACEACHEN PERSONALLY. IF HE HAD BEEN IN CANADA
WHEN THAT CONTRETEMPS OCCURRED, I'M SURE IT COULD HAVE
BEEN AVOIDED. IF SECRETARY WOULD GIVE HIM MY REGARDS IT
WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE. I HAVE A GREAT MANY INVITATIONS
TO SPEAK IN CANADA AND I WILL BE WRITING HIM ABOUT THAT. I
SHALL ALSO TREASURE BICENTENNIAL GIFT CANADIANS SENT ME.
PORTER

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